

FISCAL MEMORANDUM
HB 2528 – SB 2600

April 17, 2008

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (016063): Requires all new, upgraded or remodeled foster care dwellings, nursing homes, assisted-care living facilities, homes for the aged, one- and two-family rental units and dwellings, and any building requiring a smoke detector to be a photo-electric device, a non photo-electric device, or a device which is a combination of the two devices that senses visible or invisible particles of combustion. Requires the kitchen area of these dwellings to have a photo-electric smoke detector installed.

CORRECTED FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$189,100

Other Fiscal Impact – Increase Federal Expenditures - \$85,000

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

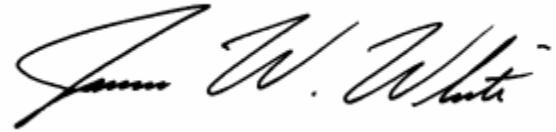
Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- The requirement for these smoke detectors is only for new, renovated or upgraded dwellings. None of the dwellings will have to replace current smoke detectors as a result of this legislation.
- The Department of Health will not incur a significant increase in expenditures to revise investigative procedures.
- The Department of Commerce and Insurance will not incur a significant increase in expenditures to revise investigative procedures to rental units.
- According to the Department of Health, the Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities will amend current regulations governing nursing homes, assisted-care living facilities, and homes for the aged during a regularly scheduled meeting. Any cost is estimated to be not significant.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-11-216, the Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities is required to be self-supporting over a two-year period.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a more stylized, connected manner to the middle initial "W." and the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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